

Flashes of Fun.

—When a woman "knits her brows" it is probably because she is out of yarn.

—Lucy—John, what is that machine we saw at the fair that kicks? John—That, I believe they call a hay-tedder.

Lucy—Why, then, would a man who finds fault with everything be called a hay-tedder?

—An Illinois man has married his divorced wife's mother, thereby becoming his own father-in-law. When his present wife dies he intends to marry his first wife's daughter and perform the unparalleled feat of becoming his own father and son at the same time.

—"Sire, one word," said a soldier one day to Frederick the Great, when presenting to him a request for the brevet of lieutenant. "If you say two," answered the King "I'll have you hanged." "Sign," replied the soldier. The king stared whistled and—signed.

—"How long have you been married, Mrs. Slowboy?" "Five years." "Five years! Why you ought to have a wooden wedding." "Have," replied Mrs. Slowboy, glancing across at the meek figure of a man trying to hide behind a newspaper; "I had that when I was married."

—"Can you give me a little money on that account of yours this morning?" "No. I don't believe I can this morning." "Well, will you appoint a time when you can? You have been trading with me a good deal lately and have never paid me a cent." "I know it. I am a free trader."

—An exchange prints the following: "A lady reader writes to say that she has been losing her hair recently and wants to know what she shall do to prevent it." Either keep your bureau drawer locked or else discharge your hired girl and get another of a complexion different from yours.

—A Kansas farmer was sowing his ground, when two smart fellows came riding by, one of whom called out in an insolent air: "Well, my good man, 'tis your business to sow; but we reap the benefits of your labor." The rustic replied, "'Tis very like you may, for just now I am sowing hemp."

—A little girl accompanying her mother on visit to an old lady, the latter showed her a parrot in a cage by the window, warning her at the same time not to go too near lest he should bite her. "Why should he bite me?" she asked. "Because, my dear, he doesn't know you." "Then please tell him that I am Mary Ann."

At Branchory, in Scotland, once the parish schoolmaster, out of curiosity, put the following question to his scholars, "What is nothing?" A pause ensued until an urchin, whose proclivities for turning a penny were well known among the schoolfellows, got up and replied, "It's when a man asks you to hold his horse and just says thankye."

—Fipps who had been lunching with a friend upon frog's legs—"Everything you see in this world is of some use, even the frog." Friend who is disputatious—"I don't agree with you. Of what use is the mosquito to us?" Fipps—"Ah! my dear fellow, you take the wrong view of things. Just think how useful we are to the mosquito."

—"Where were you last Sunday, Robbie?" asked the teacher of one of the brightest scholars in her class. "My mother kept me home." "Now, Robbie, do you know where little boys go to when they play truant from Sunday school?" "Yes ma'am." "Where?" "They go fishin!" replied the boy, letting the whole feline family out of the paper envelope.

—"I'll bet they're married," whispered Tom to Charley, in reference to a couple on the other side of the car. "They haven't spoken ten words either of them, since they came in, and not so much as a single smile has lighted up his face or hers. Yes, sir, you can make up your mind they are married." "You can't always judge by appearances, Tom," replied Charley. "They are not married. She is a thief and he is an officer carrying her off to jail."

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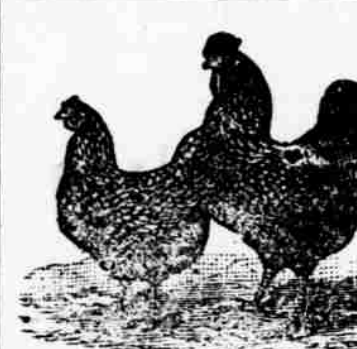
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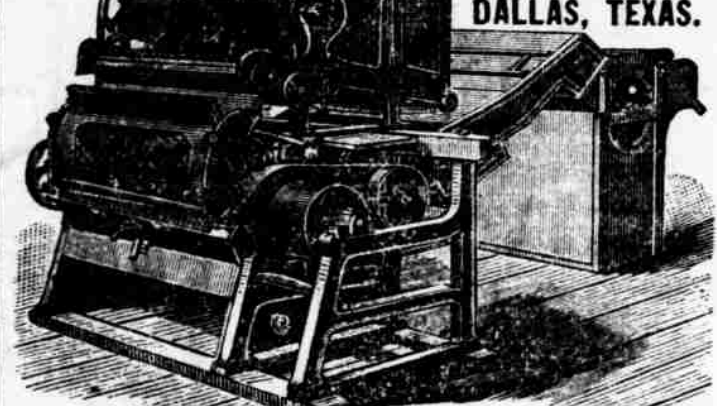
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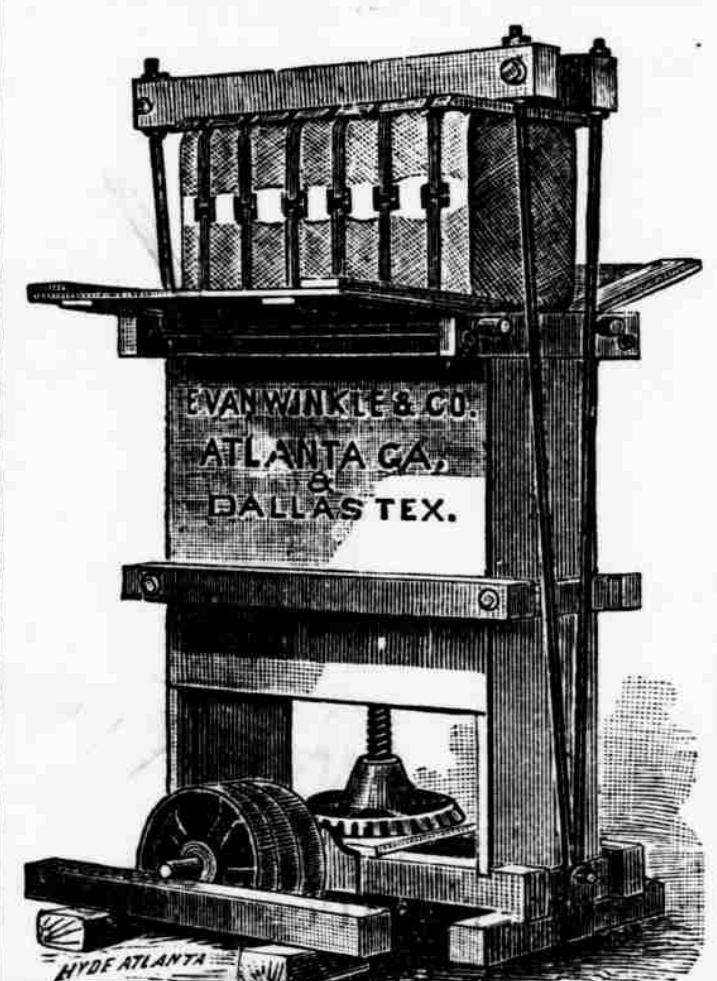
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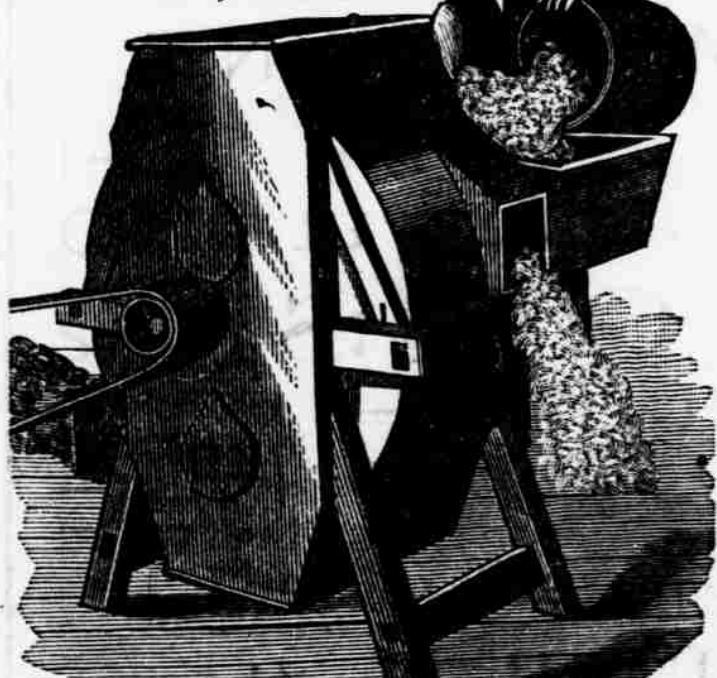
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